

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to applicant's Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed on October 26, 2010 for Application Number 10/559518.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims **1-6 and 8-12** are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The primary reason for the allowance of the claims is the inclusion of the limitation, inter alia, an "information recording medium storing ... a first recording area including ... an authoring studio code identifying an authoring studio and a disc manufacturing code identifying a manufacturer; and a lead-in area including an encrypted copy of the authoring studio code and an encrypted copy of the disc manufacturing code, wherein during reproduction control processing, the encrypted copy of the authoring studio code and the encrypted copy of the disc manufacturing code are decrypted and compared to the authoring studio code and the disc manufacturing code included in the first recording area". The concept of storing an encrypted version of the disc manufacturing code and the authoring studio code on a medium as well as the unencrypted of the codes, and comparing the codes before allowing the content to be retrieved cannot be found in the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John B. King whose telephone number is (571)270-7310. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Fri. 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM est..

5. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Vu can be reached on (571)272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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